

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to avoid having a multiple dependent claim depend on another multiple dependent claim. It is respectfully requested that the first Office Action be directed to the application as amended herein.

Please charge a multiple dependent fee of \$280.00 to Deposit Account No. 10-1250. If there are any additional charges, please to the same Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix I (Amended Claims with Amendments Indicated
Therein by Brackets and Underlining)

Appendix II (Amended Specification Paragraphs with
Amendments Indicated Therein by Brackets and Underlining)

APPENDIX I**AMENDED CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN
BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING**

6. (Amended) The harvesting equipment of one of the claims 3 [to 5] or 4, wherein the function bodies (14; 15) have deflection plates (21; 22), which are essentially vertical in function and follow the extent (T) of the chain elements (14; 15) in the revolving direction (U1; U2).

7. (Amended) The harvesting equipment of one of the claims 3 [to 6] or 4 wherein the chain elements (14; 15) are connected with one another over axle shafts (19; 20) at the front and rear ends in the revolving direction (U1; U2), and bodies of the axle (19a) of the axle shaft (19) are embraced in a sealing manner by the sleeve bodies (20a).

8. (Amended) The harvesting equipment of [one of the claims 6 or 7] claim 6, wherein the deflection plates (21; 22) extend between the axle shafts (19; 20) essentially over the whole surface.

9. (Amended) The harvesting equipment of [one of the claims 6 to 8] claim 6, wherein a deflection plates (21) is disposed between the cutting plane (S) and a holding plane (H1) above the cutting plane (S) and a further deflection plate (22) is disposed between this holding plane (H1) and an upper holding plane (H2).

APPENDIX II**AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS WITH AMENDMENTS
INDICATED THEREIN BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING**

Page 1: between the title and the 1st full paragraph, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

1st full paragraph, change to read as follows:

The invention relates to harvesting equipment for harvesting corn or similar stalk-like harvested crops[, as defined in the introductory portion of claim1].

Between the 2nd and 3rd full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

Page 3: 2nd full paragraph, change to read as follows:

Further advantages, distinguishing features arise out of an example of an object of the invention, which is illustrated in the [drawing, in which] accompanying drawings.

Between the 2nd and 3rd full paragraph, insert the following heading:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

5th full paragraph, change to read as follows:

Figure 3 shows a view similar to that of Figure 2, with a portion of a link chain, which is enlarged even further, and

Between the 6th and 7th full paragraph, insert the following heading:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS: